Magellan students celebrate ‘clash’ at political debate

Undergraduate Research Magellan Programs with College Democrats, Libertarians and Republicans went head-to-head on issues ranging from disarmament to discrimination at Carolina Clash on Monday evening. Some of the questions were formulated by the moderators — opinion editors Linden Atelsek and Griffin Helson and news editor Mary Ramsey from The Daily Gamecock — while other questions were pulled from audience members’ tweets.

One prevalent question throughout current politics is the tension of whether or not the U.S. has a moral obligation to accept refugees. College Democrats argued in favor of accepting refugees because of a responsibility to do so, while the College Republicans warned against the dangers of opening the U.S. to unknown threats.

“I don’t want to live in that America that turns those in need away,” said Evan Dodge, a College Democrat representative. “It says right there on the Statue of Liberty that we will welcome the huddled masses … Our society to the world should not be bombarding their houses and creating the egomaniacs that create this kind of social tension and then not be held accountable when people are left broken.”

Bryan Hall, a representative from College Republicans, responded that while it is important to have compassion for refugees, the government’s responsibility is to protect its people. “There is only a few people who have the chance of being terrorists in these refugees, but keep in mind, it only took a few terrorists to bring down the Twin Towers during 9/11,” Hall said. “It only took a few terrorists to kill many innocent people in Europe, in Paris and in Brussels.

One of the hottest topics was nuclear disarmament, which has been in progress in the U.S. since 1957 and has been a matter of debate given the fears about nuclear threats on North Korea and Iran.

College Libertarian representative Michael Rose took the middle ground, saying that the U.S. military is large enough to deal with any threats without nuclear force. College Democrats advocated for diplomatic solutions, and College Republicans argued for the continual maintenance of the military to defend against growing nuclear threats.

“Our aircrafts, our navy ships — they’re all able to take our warheads and ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles) before they ever come close to any of our allies’,” Rose said. “We are absolutely able to disarm and dismantle any threat that actually comes to the United States continent.”

The moderators also asked about so-called “religious liberty” laws, which have been passed in some states since the nationwide legalization of same-sex marriage. These laws are designed to protect people whose personal, religious or spiritual beliefs object to nonheterosexual relationships, but College Democrats objected to them on the basis that they do nothing except legalize discrimination.

College Republicans said the debate over same-sex marriage is over, but in a not so subtle jab of the government to force businesses to provide services it’s gone against their beliefs.

“You’re free to love whoever you want. You’re free to marry whoever you want,” Hall said. “I think the best promoters of social change should not be the government. I think it should be the consumers … If consumers know that there’s a certain business that’s discriminating against people because of who they love or who they want to be with, I think that it’s the consumer’s moral obligation to boycott the business and get a movement started against the business. But at the end of the day, we live in a country where we believe in freedom of religion.”

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Students are asked to post a picture inspired by the daily prompt and the person who poses the first entry they receive will win. A coffee and tote bag and be put in drawing for a Barnes and Noble gift card. All students are eligible to participate as long as they are following the office on social media and use the hashtag “Magfam10.”

“When it started 10 years ago, there was only one Magellan program, and now we have 10 years later, 10 Magellan programs,” assistant director Ashley Schryer said. “Everything from the Magellans is grants that we give students, to opportunities to get students involved in research, to opportunities to showcase their research.”

The idea for the scavenger hunt came from a group of Magellan ambassadors, which is one of the programs that gives students opportunities to get involved in research and showcases it. They wanted to celebrate the milestones by getting as many students involved in different ways that research involved can be talked about.

The social media aspect of the scavenger hunt provides the ability to connect with students. The prompts have them come up with examples of research they’re doing and what that research has meant to them. The first prompt was to post a picture with your mug. “We really believe in faculty-mentored research,” Schryer said. “We really want students to be able to post a variety of ways to show all the different ways that research involved can be talked about.”

The scavenger hunt also hopes to increase attendance among students at Discovery Day, which is USC’s biannual classroom experience showcase. This is a great place for students to not only present a variety of research, but also to see what their peers are doing and to learn more about something that interests them.

“You guys do so much in the classroom, and you learn so much,” Schryer said. “But than to take what you’re learning and apply it beyond that...
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The movie starts with Doris’ mother’s funeral. This is a pretty depressing first scene for a film that is advertised as a comedy. However, the funeral helps provide a thorough introduction of Doris’ character. Doris hoards everything in her childhood home, and her brother Todd, played by Stephen Root, confronts her at the funeral, telling her to clean out the house and put it up for sale on the market.

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“We’ve tried to feature scholarly presentations and special guest artists who have ties to this region and its culture,” Whitted said, “without losing sight of our international scope.”

There will be over 45 presentations from creators on subjects ranging from analyzing a specific comic work, such as “Preacher,” to representation of minorities in comics.

The list of guests includes a number of well-known creators such as Howard Cruse, who won an Eisner Award for his graphic novel “Stuck Rubber Baby,” which is described as “an unflinching portrayal of a homosexual white man growing up during the civil rights era.”

Perhaps the biggest name on the guest list is South Carolina resident Roy Thomas, who is known for his long career writing for both Marvel and DC and taking over from Stan Lee as Marvel’s second editor-in-chief in 1972. If you enjoyed last year’s “Avengers: Age of Ultron,” you can thank this man for creating the psychotic artificial intelligence of Ultron back in 1968.

However, the general public seems to be stuck in the mindset that comics are a juvenile form of literature and entertainment, despite the massive success of comic book movies over the past decade.

“lt’s no secret that many people believe that comics are only for kids — and in fact, some of the best ones are!” Whitted said. “But the scholars who discuss their work at ICAF don’t allow misconceptions about comics to prevent them from scrutinizing the stories with the same depth of analysis that we regularly apply to literature, film, or visual art.”

In the same way, a lot of people do not know that there are far more genres than just the superheroes genre in today’s comics.

“Superheroes may be what made the medium so popular, but the combination of words and pictures can focus on fantasy, horror, mystery, romance, memoir, slice-of-life, history, and much more,” Whitted said. “As evidence, consider the autobiographical comics of ICAF guest artists Dominique Goblet from Belgium or YA (young adult literature) creator Cece Bell whose comic book persona in the graphic novel ‘El Deafo’ turns a hearing impairment into a superpower.”

The genres of comic books are just as abundant as the genres of literature or film. Classic superheroes from Marvel and DC may still hold the market share, but there are numerous types of comics to get into.

If you are interested in learning more about the ever-growing comic medium, or can already name the seven founding members of the Justice League and just want an in-depth analysis of other works, the International Comics Arts Forum is here for you. The event will be free for all three days, and more information, including an in-depth schedule, can be found at the official ICAF website.
In America, sex education can range from excellent to nonexistent, depending on where one lives. Because there is no federal regulation on sex ed in schools, states get to choose whether or not to mandate it and what information to provide.

At college, this regional diversity is a bigger problem than it is in most places. Even if you’re in a college in a state that provides sex ed on campus, odds are some of the students there haven’t had a comprehensive education because they might never have taken sex ed classes.

And that disparity is odd. There aren’t many other subjects where we would allow such a diversity of information to be completely lacking — or some students here had never taught to read or did basic addition, we would be concerned. But we accept that some students coming to USC may not have received basic anatomical information about their own genitals.

South Carolina is, in fact, one of only 22 states that require an education, which is a significant mark in our favor. However, said education doesn’t have to be medically accurate. While this doesn’t prohibit responsible teachers from using the best, most accurate information, it does mean that there’s no reason irresponsible teachers have to adhere to the confines of sexual reality.

Unfortunately, that’s not the only concerning thing about South Carolina sex ed. Under our Comprehensive Health Education Act, sex ed may not discuss “sexual practices outside marriage or practices usually associated with reproduction.” This also repeatedly stresses that sex education must emphasize abstinence.

This presents a few problems. First, abstinence education is essentially useless. Teens who have abstinence-based sex are no less likely to see sex than their other classmates, which runs directly counter to the express purpose of abstinence-only education to make sure teens don’t have sex.

To be fair, learning that it’s OK to say no is valuable information for everyone. But since you can include that information in a more comprehensive way, the benefits of abstinence-only education aren’t worth it when it leads to a failure to produce its intended desires, especially when 97 percent of people who do engage in premarital sex do so for reasons other than sex and high risk when it comes to contraceptives.

Luckily, we live in an age in which you can Google how to use a condom, and many kids are smart enough to do that just when. But that you don’t teach something — or, in some states, even bother to mention it — you can’t be surprised when teenagers don’t use it perfectly. Using condoms properly rocketchest abortion, but in a situation where someone is sexually transmitted disease can be on the line if a 15-year-old makes a mistake, it might be worth it to help them out a little.

And there are other forms of contraception — such as the sponge, Norplant and diaphragms, and some that are user-effective and reliable, like the pill, implants, IUDs and tubal ligation. If kids are allowed to learn about other sexually active people could do with knowing more about sex.

Here in South Carolina, while educators are allowed to provide information about contraceptives, they must frame that information within the context of “future family planning.” This rule, while initially puzzling, makes sense when you take into account the argument that providing information about contraception will encourage premarital sex. So, if you really must teach it, you should be certain that no one could possibly take it that way. If contraception is for the purposes of making sure you and your heterosexual spouse don’t have too many babies, then no one will think it’s an incentive to stop reproducing.

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Talk about what you love out loud. It's important to show your support and, what share what you're learning. Get your words out. You're gaining influence.

Gemini
A brilliant idea leads to profits over the next two days. Creative collaboration leads to new opportunities. Draw upon hidden resources. It's as if your angels are helping you. Passionately inspire others to act on their ideas.

Cancer

Leo
Revise plans over the next two days. Consider strategies, routes and timing. Get suggestions from those involved. Share your fantasies and nostalgia. Toast the past while infusing what's new.

Virgo
Friends are a big help over the next few days. Talk about the future, including wishes, dreams and goals. A magical illusion inspires you. Make agreements, and determine who does what.

Libra
Career matters emerge for your consideration over the next few days. You're attracting the attention of someone important. Keep your objective in mind despite distractions. Love blooms with encouragement.

Scorpio
The next two days are good for expanding your territory. If you can get away, go, or get into the swing of things, it's good for expanding your reach.

Sagittarius
Figure out shared finances today and tomorrow. Consider legacy picture goals with your partner while focusing on one small step at a time. Make a long-contemplated positive change.

Capricorn
Remind your partner of your admiration. Today and tomorrow are good for compromise and working things out together. Offer encouragement and support. Refine the plan.

Aquarius
It's off to work you go over the next few days. This pace is picking up. Don't fall for a scam. Accept advice from a trusted friend. You get further with honey than vinegar.

Pisces
The next two days are fun. Explore an enthusiasm or passion. Practice your skills, arts and moves. Play with your creative energies today. Someone attractive is shining his or her light near you.

Baseball Game
South Carolina vs. Georgia
Wednesday at 7 pm at Founders Park

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Despite Steve Kerr and Gregg Popovich respectively leading the Warriors and Spurs to unprecedented regular season heights, it is apparent that the Celtics’ Brad Stevens has most ideally demonstrated his influence on winning games.

Stevens has willed a team comprised primarily of role players to a possible home-court advantage for the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Boston head coach has made water into wine with a team that ranks 23rd in field goal percentage and 27th in three-point percentage. He has fashioned a team that can shoot with deep post-up plays, decision-making, effective process, and pace of play of which are aided by great coaching.

Boston’s coaching staff has thrived at getting the most out of its players by incorporating a successful offense. Stevens has been praised for his after-timeout play-calling and his ability to attack the weaknesses of his opponents. The Celtics have found offensive success through passing and set plays, which explain their fourth-ranked assist percentage.

However, Stevens has also demonstrated his influence on defensive play. The Celtics rank fourth in defensive rating, 10.5-game advantage over the Warriors on Sunday night, Duncan has played just 59 of the team’s 80 games. Leonard’s play of the past seven games on any given night. The team does not have a true star player, but rather a group of strong contributors and plenty of players capable of having good games on any given night.

Throughout a year where Popovich has won more games than ever before in his career, he has kept the Spurs out of the spotlight while continuing to establish a philosophy around team basketball and resting players. The Spurs are set up for success in the post-season thanks to the prowess of their head coach and, because of that, Popovich deserves the recognition.